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Seaver, David W.
[Manhattan Life Insurance Co.
Madison Ave @ 60th St.]

1930-1931

April 22, 1930.

The Librarian of Congress,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

William Sever was Abbott of one of the Mitered
Abbeys of England, Saint Marys of York, now in ruins.

He was one of the few granted Royal Privilege
of Coinage. Illustrations of some of these coins are said
to be in one of the following named (old) books -

Dugdales "Monasticum Anglicorum"

Willis "Mitered Abbeys".

My son, when in London recently, was shown in the
British Museum what copies they had of these works but they were
modern reprints without illustrations.

May I ask that you be kind enough to consult your
index and see if you have either of these books, and if so
whether in either of them there are illustrations of the coins
desired.

Also the titles of any British books devoted
chiefly to description of ancient British coinage.

Your kind attention will much oblige,

Yours very truly,

David W. Seaver.

*Mitered Abbeys of
which there were a few by virtue
of their office sat with the
Lords in Parliament.*

Guide to Study English Coins

N. W. Henfrey

C. F. Keary

London - Bell & Sons 1891

Coinage History VII

Page 169

3d issue 1504

Shilling, Groat $\frac{1}{2}$ groat Penny

Obs

King seated on throne.

Crowned Scepter & Orb

Henry Di Gra Rex A ANG

Reverse

Arms Eng - France

Surmounted by Cross

Legend

Town Name

London Surham Eboraci (= York)

Surham Pennies have initials of Bishops at sides shields as

D S for

Humfridus Bever (Bp 1502-5)
(Latin form of Wm)

Weight	Shilling	144 grams
	Groat	48 "
	$\frac{1}{2}$ "	24 "
	Penny	12 "

Shilling extremely rare
The others are common

10.2 in
1864

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MEMORANDUM

TO THE
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FROM THE Superintendent of
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REFERRING TO letter from -
Mr. David W. Seaver,
New York City
dated -
April 22, 1930

April 29, 1930

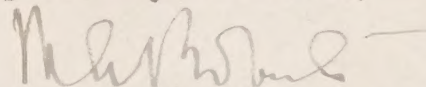
The Reading Room has examined the 1718, 1723, 1817, and 1846 editions of Dugdale's MONASTICON ANGLICANUM; and the 1718 edition of Browne Willis' HISTORY OF THE MITRED PARLIAMENTARY ABBEYS; but finds no illustrations of coins minted at Saint Mary's Abbey, York.

According to Dugdale [supra] "William Sever, alias Siveyr, [the Dictionary of National Biography calls him "William Senhouse".] born at Shinkley, in the County of Durham, was made abbat in 1485. He received the royal assent on April 24th. Ten years after which, A.D.1495, being elected bishop of Carlisle, he obtained leave to keep his abbacy in commendam; which he did till 1502, when he was translated to the see of Durham." He died in 1505.

Willis [supra, I, 214] noted that:

"The Site of this Abbey being still in the possession of the crown render'd it about 20 years ago farthermore memorable, on account that the Office for Coinage or Minting of Money, in the time of the late King William the 3d, was kept here."

Respectfully submitted,



Superintendent of Reading Room.

MEMORANDUM

TO THE

LIBRARIAN OF CONGRESS

FROM THE

DIVISION OF BIBLIOGRAPHY

May 6, 1930

REFERRING TO request of Mr. David W. Seaver,
New York City, for titles of British
books devoted chiefly to description
of ancient British coinage.

We take the following titles from the card catalogue of books
in the Library of Congress, under the subject heading "English Coins:"

Batty, D. T. Batty's catalogue of the copper coinage of Great
Britain, Ireland, British isles and colonies, local & private
tokens, jettons, &c., compiled from various authors, and the
most celebrated collections; together with the author's own
collection of about ten thousand varieties, illustrated with
plates of rare and unpublished coins. Manchester, Printed
by J. Forsyth, 1868-98. 4 v. plates.

British museum. Dept. of coins and medals. A catalogue of
English coins in the British museum. Anglo-Saxon series.
London, The Trustees, 1887-93. 2 v. plates.

v. 1. Keary, C. F. [Earliest Anglo-Saxon money and that
of Mercia, Kent, East Anglia and Northumbria] ed. by R. S.
Poole. 1887.

v. 2. Grueber, H. A. and Keary, C. F. Wessex and Eng-
land to the Norman conquest. 1893.

----- A catalogue of English coins in the British museum. The
Norman kings, by George Cyril Brooke ... with an introduction
and 62 plates. London, Printed by order of the Trustees,
1916. 2 v. LXII pl., tables (1 fold.)

Preface signed: G. F. Hill.

----- Handbook of the coins of Great Britain and Ireland in the
British museum. By Herbert A. Grueber, F. S. A., assistant
keeper of coins. With sixty-four plates. London, The Trus-
tees, 1899. lxiil, 272 p. LXVI pl.

"Introduction: ... A general historical view of British
numismatics from the Anglo-Saxon period onwards": p. [vii]-
lxiii.

Fleetwood, William, bp. of Ely, 1656-1723. Chronicon preciosum;
or, An account of English gold and silver money; the price of
corn and other commodities; and of stipends, salaries, wages,
jointures, portions, day-labour, &c. in England, for six hun-
dred years last past. To which is added, An historical ac-
count of coins, illustrated with several plates of gold and
silver coins. London, T. Osborne, 1745. 147, 30 p. XII pl.
1st edition, London, 1707.

Folkes, Martin, 1690-1754. A table of English silver coins from
the Norman conquest to the present time. With their
weights, intrinsic values, and some remarks upon the several
pieces. London, Printed for the Society of antiquaries, 1745.
161 p. 67 pl.

Valo in NY Public Library are indexed under Numismatics under "British" Shelf MIG
except those marked Stuart Collection which must be seen before 6 P.M. (Special room)
Stuart books not much used.

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Page 99 # 391.

Penny known as Sovereign type

Struck at York - Durham - London

obverse

King seated on throne, orb & scepter

Reverse

Royal shield crossed.

York mintage has 2 keys

See Plate No 7

Nos 11 & 12

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Folkes, Martin. A table of English silver coins (cont'd.)

Prefixed: A table of English gold coins from the eighteenth year of King Edward the Third, when gold was first coined in England, to the present time. With their weights and intrinsic values. By Martin Folkes, esq. London, 1745. 12 p.

"Appendix, concerning the coins minted in Scotland, since the union of the two crowns": p. 144-155.

Golding, Charles. The coinage of Suffolk, consisting of the regal coins, leaden pieces and tokens of the seventeenth, eighteenth, and nineteenth centuries. Together with notices of the mints and of some of the issuers of tokens. London, Printed for private distribution only [by J. E. Taylor and co.] 1868. 100 p. illus., 6 pl.

Henfrey, Henry William. A guide to the study of English coins, from the conquest to the present time. Rev. and ed. by C. F. Keary. With a historical introduction by the editor. London, G. Bell and sons, 1891. xxi, 325 p. front., illus. (Bohn's reference library)

Montagu, Hyman. The copper, tin and bronze coinage and patterns for coins of England, from the reign of Elizabeth to that of Her present Majesty. 2d ed., with alterations and additions. London, B. Quaritch, 1898. xxiii, 150 p. illus.

Stainer, Charles L. Oxford silver pennies from A. D. 925 - A. D. 1272, described by C. L. Stainer, M. A. With fifteen plates. Oxford, Printed for the Oxford historical society at the Clarendon press, 1904. xlv, 98 p. front., XVI pl. (Oxford historical society. [Publications] vol. XLVI)

Thorburn, William Stewart. A guide to the coins of Great Britain, in gold, silver, and copper, from the earliest period to the present time, with their value. With numerous illustrations. London, L. U. Gill [1884] 159 p. front., illus., plates (partly col.)

Warne, Charles. Ancient Dorset. The Celtic, Roman, Saxon, and Danish antiquities of the county, including the early coinage. Bournemouth, Printed for the author by D. Sydenham, 1872. [456]p. illus.

We note also the following titles:

Keder, Nils. Nummorum in Hibernia, antequam haec insula sub Henrico II. Angliae rege anglici facta sit juris, cusorum indagatio per Nicolaum Keder. Accessit Catalogus nummorum anglo-saxonico. & anglo-danico. musei Kederiana. Lipsiae, apud J. Fridericum Gleditsch, 1708. 54 p.

"Catalogus nummorum": p. 29-54.

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Annals Coinage Lib-B. 3 Vols.

Wingate, James. Illustrations of the coinage of Scotland: drawn from specimens existing in the author's cabinet. To which is attached a short biographical notice of the various kings, with a description of the coins they issued. Glasgow, Printed for the author by Aird and Coghill, 1868. 146 p.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. Reade

Chief Bibliographer.

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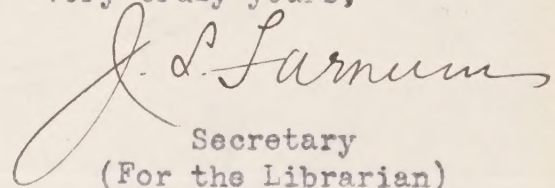
May 8 1930

Dear Sir:

Your letter of April 22 regarding illustrations of coins minted at Saint Mary's Abbey, York, has received the interested attention of Mr. Roberts, the Superintendent of the Reading Room. We enclose his report, as well as a list of titles from the card catalogue of books in the Library of Congress under the heading "English Coins", which has been prepared by Mr. Slade, the Chief Bibliographer.

We trust that this information may be of some service to you.

Very truly yours,


Secretary
(For the Librarian)

(2 enclosures)

Mr. David W. Seaver
The Manhattan Life Insurance Company
Madison Avenue at 60th Street
New York City

My Feb 2/3,

Dear Mr Wood,

Enclosed find a lot of references accumulated in my search for the New Seaver silver pennies.

Through Mr Nois kindness I have finally obtained them and thinking these references may possibly be of use to you I send them along. If not, file them in the waste basket.

Yours truly
David W. Seaver

Mr Howland Woods.

Shall hope to see you in Conn next Summer

March 11, 1931

Mr. David W. Seaver
The Manhattan Life Insurance Company
Madison Ave. at 60th Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Seaver:

Please pardon the delay in acknowledging your kindness in sending the various data concerning the York pennies. I put this letter aside to study the notes and it then got mislaid. I am very glad that you remembered us and I have read the data with interest.

We shall probably be in Westport during July and August.

Sincerely yours,

Curator.

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October 5, 1931.

The British Museum,
Department of Coins & Medals,
British Museum,
London, W.C.I., England.

Gentlemen:

Attention of Mr. J. A. Allan.

Last June I wrote you in reference to silver coinage of King Henry VII, viz., Grote - Half Grote and Penny, and received your reply (enclosed).

I refer to two series that were issued. One from St. Mary's Abbey, York, and bearing on the reverse side emblems of two keys at sides shield. Later one from Durham bearing on reverse side at sides shield the two initials of the minter D. S.

My friend, Mr. Howland Wood, Curator of the Numismatic Society here in N. Y. tells me the customary way is to photo from casts, and that if I will secure these he will have the photos made for me. Of the Durham series I want particularly only that having the initials D & S. Those bearing other initials would not interest me and need not be made. Should like to have the inscriptions on border reasonably legible, and prefer those of the grote as being larger, but leave it to your discretion to choose. I should therefore like to have casts of one of the coins of each series. Both sides.

To avoid risk by breakage either in transit or in my hands, I should like two sets of casts, originals and duplicates.

The cost, as I construe your letter, is nine pence each. It would therefore be -

Set originals - 2 coins - both sides	-	4 casts
" duplicates	" "	- 4 "
		<u>8</u> "

Enclosed find Money Order for eight shillings to cover cost of packing, postage, etc. If more is necessary please inform me and I will remit.

I am Cashier of this Company.

enc.

Yours very truly,

J. A. S.

Harvard U. Hospital
Nov 18/81

Dear Mr Woods.

From the table out of the Montgomery
bed from this hospital where I am in for an
operation. The trap door in my stomach does
not open fully when to be mended.

You were kind enough to tell me you
would have photos made of the Henry VII case
if I secured the casts.

Well now they are just secured I
didn't have time to examine them but
hope they are good specimens.

Have asked Mrs Mc-Master to send
them together with the letter copy of my
letter to British Museum to you for your
favourable criticism when opportunity permits
I leave it entirely to you to make or
nothing as you think best. Keep sorry,
yours. I shall of course be glad to
pay the expense. As I shall be glad

some time please send to my son
Rosaire W. Brown

Post Road

Wrightstown Conn

He will send you check

Hope the photo will be good

My best regards to Mrs Woods

David W. Brown

To Highland House Eng

FROM

A.P. McMurtrie

654 Madison Ave.

New York, NY.

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MR.

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Nov. 14, 1931

Mr. Howland Woods
Curator Numismatic Society
Broadway and 157th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

At the request of Mr. David Seaver, who is at present in the Norwalk Hospital, Norwalk, Conn., I am enclosing the following items:

Copy of letter, signed by Mr. Seaver, written to the British Museum, under date of October 5, 1931.

Box containing casts of the coins referred to in that letter.

Letter of November 13, 1931 written to you by Mr. Seaver from the Norwalk Hospital.

I will appreciate very much your letting me know of the safe arrival of the above.

Very truly yours,

ENCLS.

November 16, 1931.

Mr. A. P. McMurtrie
654 Madison Avenue
New York City.

Dear Sir:

The registered package containing the British Museum casts together with your other enclosures just received. I am sorry to learn that Mr. Seaver is in the hospital. If you should see him soon, please convey to him my best wishes. I will probably photograph these within a few days, and if I do not do it before will then write Mr. Seaver. Will send the photograph and other things to his son.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

November 25, 1931.

Mr. David W. Seaver
Norwalk Hospital
Norwalk, Conn.

Dear Mr. Seaver:

Please pardon the delay in answering your letter that I received through Mr. MacMurtrie. I was expecting any day to photograph the casts but the weather has been so cloudy that we have only just gotten at it. I am returning the casts and photograph to your son. I trust if you are not already out of the hospital, you will be shortly and that you have no complications. I know what it is, as I went through a similar experience a few years ago. Trusting to see you again next summer, I remain

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

November 25, 1931.

Mr. Romaine W. Seaver
Post Road
Westport, Conn.

Dear Mr. Seaver:

At the request of your father,
I am sending you enclosed a photograph of some
English coins that he asked to have me photo-
graph for him. Under separate cover, I am
returning the plaster casts from which these
photographs were made.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Sent Aug.
12-29-31

Mt Sinai Hospital
100 St + 5 Ave NYC
Dec 21/31

Dear Mr Woods

The photos of coin casts were
dearly received for which I please accept my
thanks Enclosed find my sons check for 2⁰⁰
I note the bill calls for negative + print. the
negatives not enclosed If this properly belongs to

and will you please send it to my son at Westport
of course make as many copies of anything you wish
I am disappointed that the legend around the edge do
not show the museum people apparently paid most attention
to the design in center.

I have had my operation on Dec 12 + am told by
doctors nurses they couldn't have had a better patient so
far as recovery physically is concerned.

The internal wound on the stomach is entirely
healed + the 2 wounds generally allowed for external wound
to heal

Dr Bacher who diagnoses + Dr Berg who performs
stomach operations are most wonderful men. the
nurses have all been most kind.

Yours very truly
David W. Schuler

To Mr Woods Esq